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SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY

REF: LOU STATE 088318

- 1. STANDARD C.A. REP. EATON CALLED CHARGE LATE YESTERDAY, APRIL 29, TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY SAME REPORT AS BURROWS GAVE DEPARTMENT ON BOMB INCIDENT IN LIMON. IN ADDITION EATON REPORTED THAT ARMED MEN TRIED TO ATTACK HOME OF STANDARD MANAGER IGLEHEART IN LIMON BUT WERE TURNED AWAY BY GUARDS.
- 2. EATON SAID STANDARD ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH CIVIL GUARD IN LIMON WHO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THEIR CONCERN. HE WAS, HOWEVER, LESS SURE ABOUT THE GUARDS' CAPABILITIES AND ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY HAD THE ABILITY ITSELF TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION IN LIMON AND OVERSEE THE GUARDS' PROTECTIVE EFFORTS. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE THIS CAPABILITY, AND MUST LOOK TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES FOR PROTECTION OF U.S. CITIZENS. HE ASSURED EATON THAT WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH AUTHORITIES ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATTER.

3. CONSUL SPOKE TODAY WITH THE COMMANDANTE DE PLAZA IN LIMON, MAJOR FLORES, TO URGE STEPPED-UP SECURITY PROTECTION FOR STANDARD PERSONNEL. FLORES WAS VERY COOPERATIVE AND SAID HE WOULD DOUBLE THE GUARD ALREADY ASSIGNED TO STANDARD PROTECTION INCLUDING PLAINCLOTHESMEN. FLORES HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY VALVERDE ON THIS MATTER.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH STANDARD MANAGER TO-MORROW AND, IF NECESSARY, WILL MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SECURIYY MEASURES ARE TAKEN BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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